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**Letter dated 8 December 2000 from the Chairperson of the
Committee on Conferences addressed to the Chairman of
the Fifth Committee concerning the second session of the
Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third
United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**

I am writing in connection with the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, by which the Assembly decided that all proposals relating to the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the Assembly should be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications were being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Accordingly, on 29 November 2000, I transmitted a letter to all members of the Committee on Conferences regarding draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1, entitled "Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries", requiring exceptions to General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985. The draft resolution was adopted by consensus in the Second Committee on 8 December 2000.

With regard to operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1, the Committee on Conferences notes that the convening of the second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in New York would require an exception to the arrangements established by resolution 40/243.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of resolution 35/10 A, the Committee on Conferences is required to advise the General Assembly on granting a departure from section I, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

I wish to inform you that, having carefully reviewed the case, the Committee on Conferences recommends to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations



Conference on the Least Developed Countries to convene in New York, away from its established headquarters.

(Signed) Valeria Maria **Gonzalez Posse**
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